

**441—28.2 (218,222) Selection of facility.**

**28.2(1)** Application for voluntary admission to a state mental health institute or resource center shall be made to the facility in the catchment area within which the individual for whom admission is sought is a resident as defined in:

- a.* Rule 441—29.1(218) for the state mental health institutes; or
- b.* Rule 441—30.1(218,222) for the state resource centers.

**28.2(2)** Court commitment of an individual shall be made:

- a.* To the facility in the catchment area within which the individual who is being committed is a resident as defined in rule 441—29.1(218) or 441—30.1(218,222); or
- b.* As designated by the deputy director.

**28.2(3)** The deputy director shall consider granting exceptions to the established catchment areas when requested by the individual seeking a voluntary admission or by the committing court. The deputy director's decision shall be made within 48 hours of receipt of the request. The decision shall be based on:

- a.* The clinical needs of the individual;
- b.* The availability of appropriate program services;
- c.* Available bed space within the program at the requested facility; and
- d.* The consent of the superintendents of both facilities involved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 218.19, 218.20, and 222.6.